First Congregational
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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

April 9, 2023
10:00 am

Easter Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Easter Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"
By Christian Henry Bateman

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is **Ellie Gusman**.
  - The Greeters are **Barbara Garland** (Roomie) and **Jeanette Sherrill** (Zoomie).
  - **Pastor Liz** and **Jeanette** will introduce folks in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted. Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Every Step of the Way"
66 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **ELLIE GUSMAN**

Leader: Look! The dawn is breaking. Morning is on its way. See, on the hillside the sun is beginning to rise.

People: Leave us alone and let us sleep. We want to forget about the terrors of the night. We want to shut out the darkness.

Leader: Look! The tomb is open! A new day has begun.

People: Leave us alone and let us grieve. We have lost our hope, and all our dreams are dead.

Leader: But look! The grave is empty! The stone is rolled away!

People: An empty grave? A vacant shroud? Then hope is reborn, and the dream is alive again. Death has been swallowed up in victory. Rejoice, for the day of resurrection has come at last. Alleluia!

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One"
253 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:1-6** **ELLIE GUSMAN**
Colossians 3:1-4

SECOND READING **John 20:1-18** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
39 ES

MORNING MESSAGE **"Easter Sunday"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

God of endings and new beginnings, we come to worship and to praise.
We come abandoning our pretenses and offering up our hope and dreams.
Breathe new life into us.
Shake us from our slumber and awaken us to our own resurrections.
Open our eyes to the new day dawning in our hearts.
Let us rejoice and be glad! Life has triumphed over death!
Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Amazing Grace"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By John Newton

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **ELLIE GUSMAN**

The gift of resurrection reminds us
that all we possess comes to us by the grace of God.
May these gifts and offerings serve as a token of our love and gratefulness.
May they be used to further God's justice and love in the world.
May we live in new life, sharing that life with others.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"
38 ES

BENEDICTION *Microphone muted *Responsive **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: With hope reborn, we go out to proclaim good news.
The brightness of this day is meant to be shared.

People: Beyond the cross is a message of peace.
Beyond death is the promise of new life.

Leader: Go in peace. Live the life you are promised.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINVAS**

"All Hail Jesus"
By Dave Moody

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Ellie Gusman, Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Benediction:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught by Love* (adapted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

Worship Next Week: **Worship Leader, Ivan Harner; Greeters, Donna Eyster** (Roomie) and **Ellie Gusman** (Zoomie).

The Worship Team will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Our next meeting will be tomorrow Monday, April 10. The remaining 2023 Worship Team Meeting dates are May 8, June 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11.

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings based on Susan Beaumont's book and bi-weekly Christian Contemplative Practices Sessions funded by our 2023 Vitality Grant have now concluded. Gratitude to all who participated and represented our larger faith community in this critical work during this liminal season of change, letting go, growth, and new possibilities. High levels of commitment and engagement to a collaborative, cooperative process of deep listening, prayer, meditation, and conversation have led to the creation of Ypsi UCC Mission, Vision and Values Statements unique to our small, but mighty congregation. These statements will serve to guide our church leadership's decision making, resource allocation, programming, and strategic planning processes as we move forward together to the abundant future God desires for us. In addition, they represent a positive asset for future grant applications from the UCC and external sources.

Ypsi UCC Mission Statement

Having received God's expansive and unconditional love, we act in ways to extend God's love and care locally and globally, striving for inclusion in all its forms.

Ypsi UCC Vision Statement

We aspire to be a community of faith that builds on the gift of God's expansive, unconditional love. We persistently strive, with many others, to find real life ways to creatively use God's powerful instrument of love. With God, we seek to shape a caring community where ALL people can live their best lives, comfortable in a sense of belonging, participation, safety, and abundance.

Ypsi UCC Values Statement (Pending Church Council Approval)

Inclusion. We seek to be a bold place to belong and a courageous spiritual home where all persons feel accepted. Our exuberant welcome is grounded in our UCC Open and Affirming Covenant celebrating everyone--including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, education, physical ability, cognitive ability, mental health, and spiritual or religious background. We embrace language inclusive of our understanding of God and of each other.

Equity. Committed to building equity in all systems, we take action by working for Justice, Peace, and Creation Care in our surrounding neighborhoods and the wider world. We are challenged to learn and grow spiritually**,** to be sent out to serve in a diverse variety of personal, vocational, and community social justice and leadership settings**,** according to our spiritual gifts and unique sense of God's call.

Caring. Guided by biblical Scripture and Jesus' vision of radical, counter-cultural love, we share kindness and compassion by responding with generosity and respect. We connect with others to build strong relationships based on mutual trust, authenticity, and integrity.

Resilience. Grounded in faith and hope in an abundant future, we persistently and organically rise to the challenges in front of us by cohesively pulling together in times of adversity and struggle.

Innovation. We embrace change with creativity and optimism trusting God to open new doors. We take informed risks to experiment with progressive novel ways to worship and serve that honor being in partnership with each other and with our wider community.

Looking ahead:

- **April 23-** Faith & Labor collaboration. Tad Wysor will share work being done by the AFL-CIO, *Labor in the pulpit….* and how that relates to **the** alliance WeROC is forging between the faith community and unions locally, as well as WeROC's support of those struggling for fair working conditions and a living wage, as Grad Workers resort to work stoppage.
- **April 30-** Our immigration story. It was 15 years ago on Palm Sunday afternoon in 2008 that immigration enforcement officials and local police converge on a large immigrant community in Ypsilanti. Agents forced their way into homes; people were beaten, and many arrested. Melanie Harner was at one of those homes and will re-tell the story that led to the call for justice for our neighbors. She will share the WICIR (the interfaith coalition) journey moving forward and the continuing struggle to realize justice and peace immigrants among us.

Holy Grounds Ministry is expanding to include **"Tea for the Soul"** which has begun for night staff at Trinity Health Ann Arbor (St. Joe's). Chaplain Dan Kidder-McQuown will be serving hot tea and snacks on different units in addition to good coffee.

Below are the items we will be needed (through June) and identified by Dan:

- Loose leaf tea from local shops, i.e., black teas, green teas, and herbal (no caffeine) teas.
- Individual large tea filters, usually sold in 100 count packages.
- Local roasted coffee
- Snacks that go well with tea

UCC Covenant Association Spring Meeting Save the Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023
Earth Day 9:30-11:30 am Focus: Environmental Action as Christian Service
HYBRID meeting! at St. John's UCC, Jackson & on Zoom
Interested in being a delegate? Contact Donna Eyster deyser63@gmail.com

Spring Meeting flyer2 (1).pdf

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The Trauma-Informed Church: UCC MI Conference Zoom Webinar

Current research shows that because we lived through the Covid epidemic, all of us experienced trauma at some level that continues to impact the ways we relate to ourselves and to each other within our communities of faith. Because we have internalized this trauma on an unconscious level, we are often not aware of the ways it continues to impact our relationships, spirituality, and sense of well-being. Please join the UCC MI Conference for a 2-hour Zoom Webinar on this important topic on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm ET. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food

for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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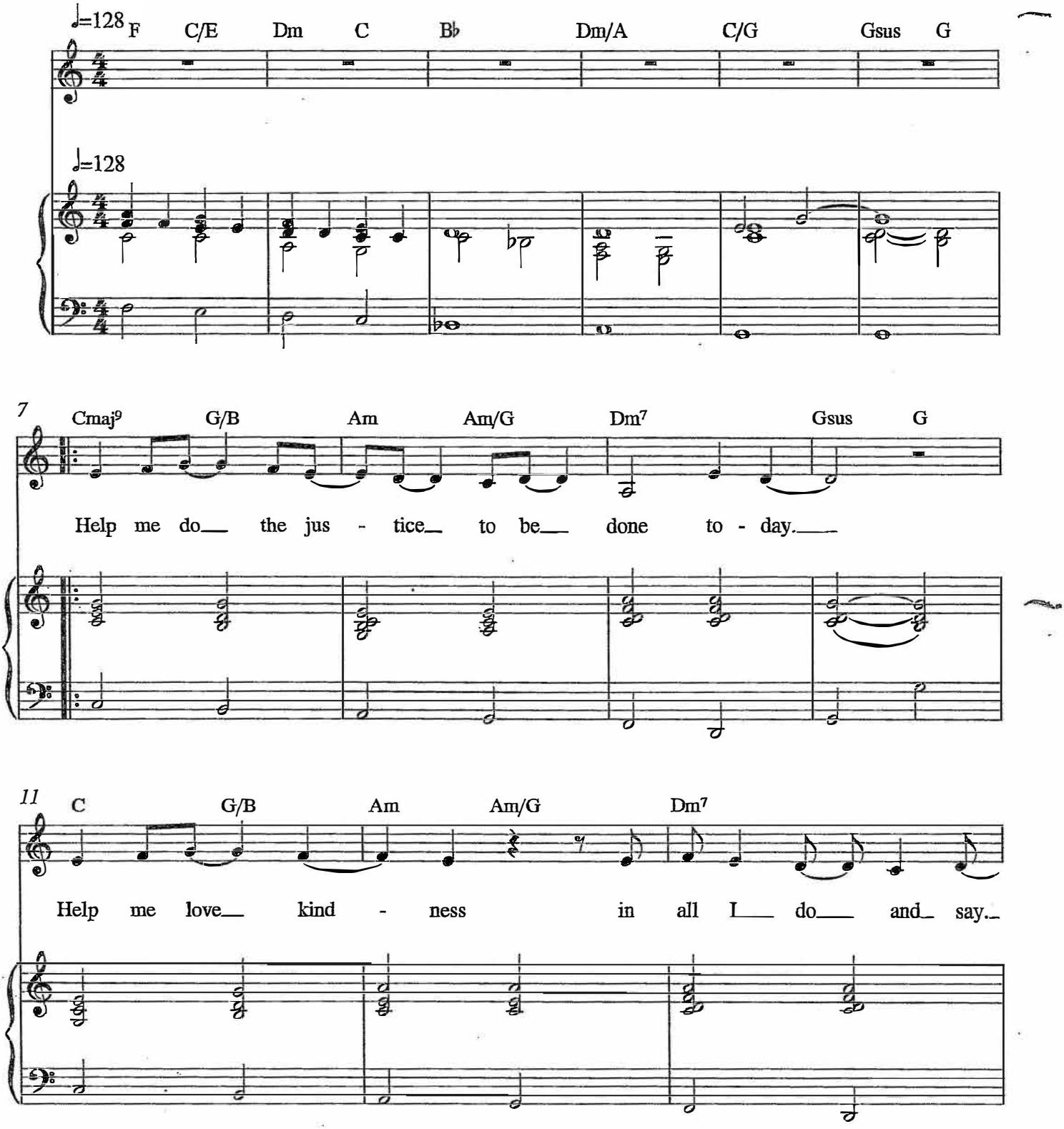
Every Step of the Way

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7 Cmaj9 G/B Am Am/G Dm7 Gsus G
Help me do the jus - tice to be done to - day.
11 C G/B Am Am/G Dm7
Help me love kind - ness in all I do and say.

Words and Music: Christopher Grundy
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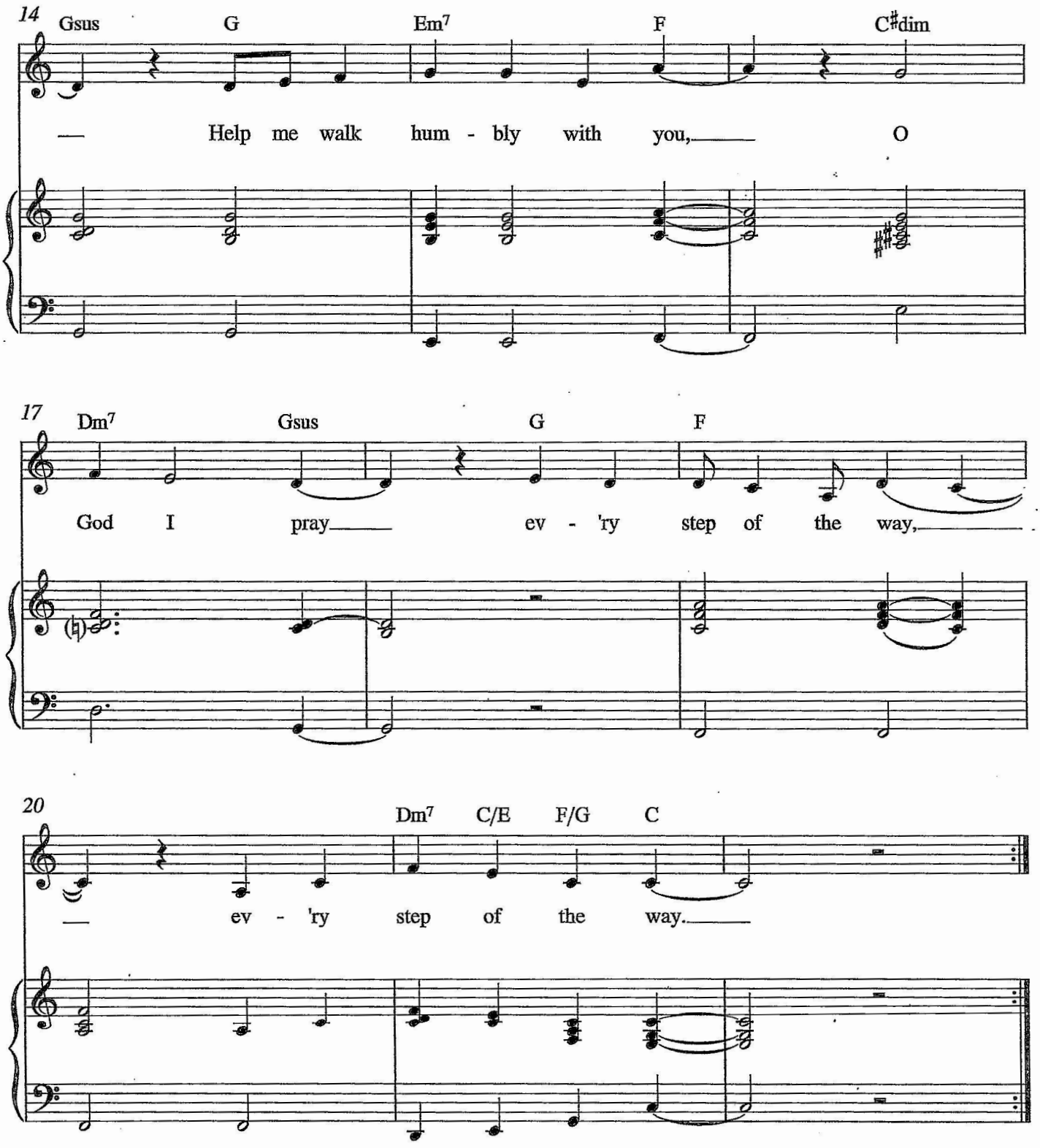
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Gsus G Em7 F C♯dim
— Help me walk hum - bly with you,— O
17
Dm7 Gsus G F
God I pray— ev - 'ry step of the way,—
20
Dm7 C/E F/G C
— ev - 'ry step of the way.—

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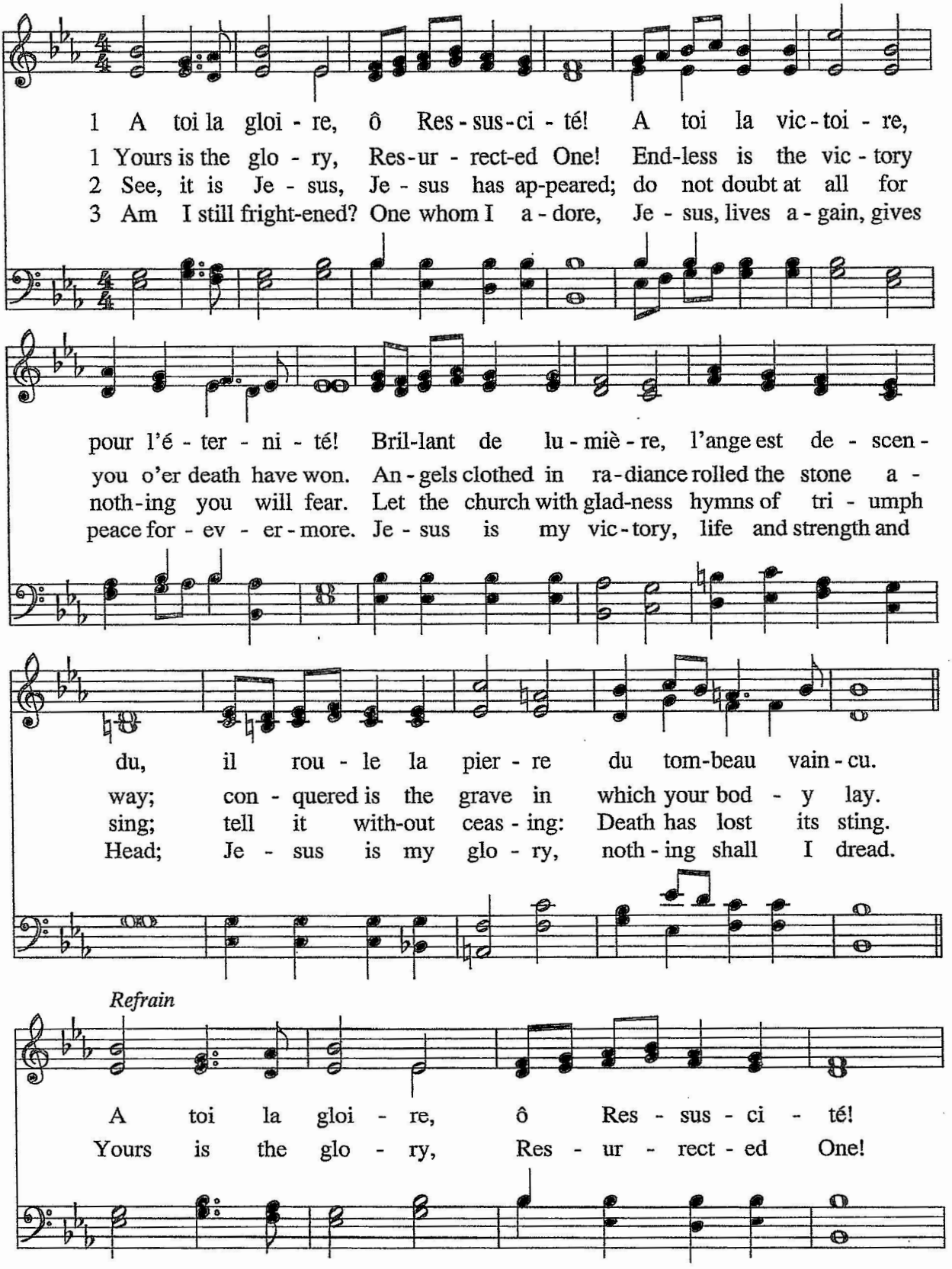
253 A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

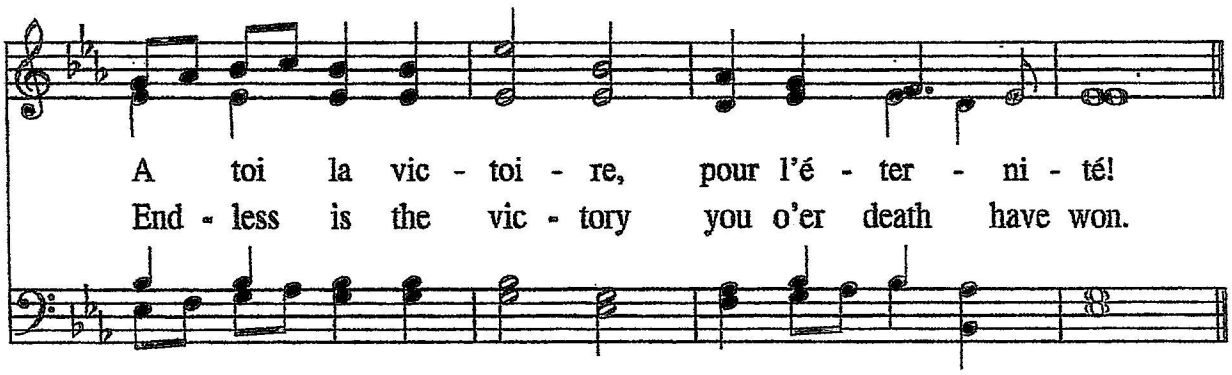
(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1–10; John 20:19–29; 1 Cor. 15:54–55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, *1993*

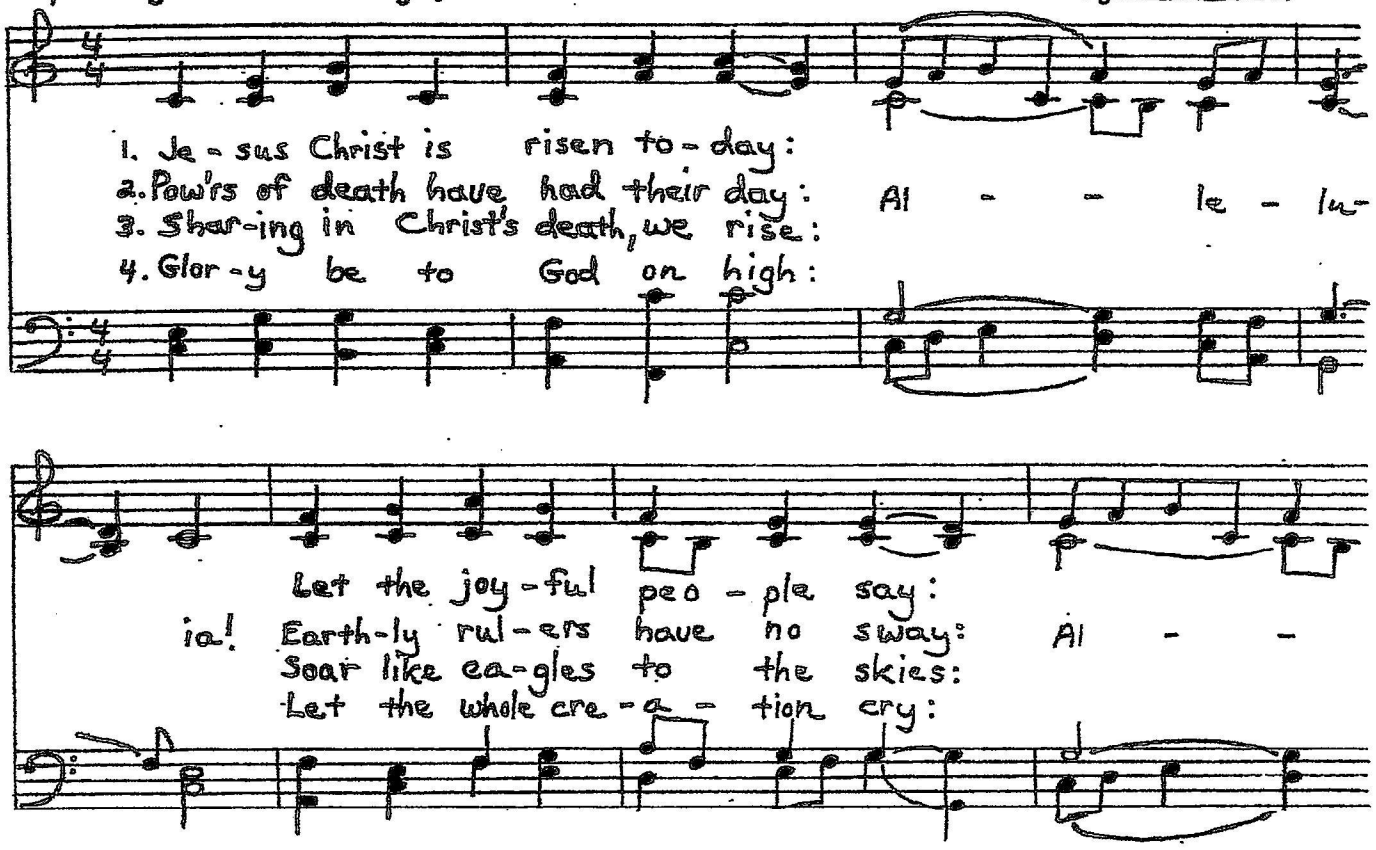

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect-ed One! End-less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap-peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright-ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives
pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril-lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -
noth-ing you will fear. Let the church with glad-ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and
du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom-beau vain - cu.
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with-out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.
Refrain
A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry may have drawn his inspiration for this hymn from a German Advent poem set to Handel's triumphant music. The tune Judas Maccabeus *is adapted from a chorus in Handel's oratorio of the same name.*

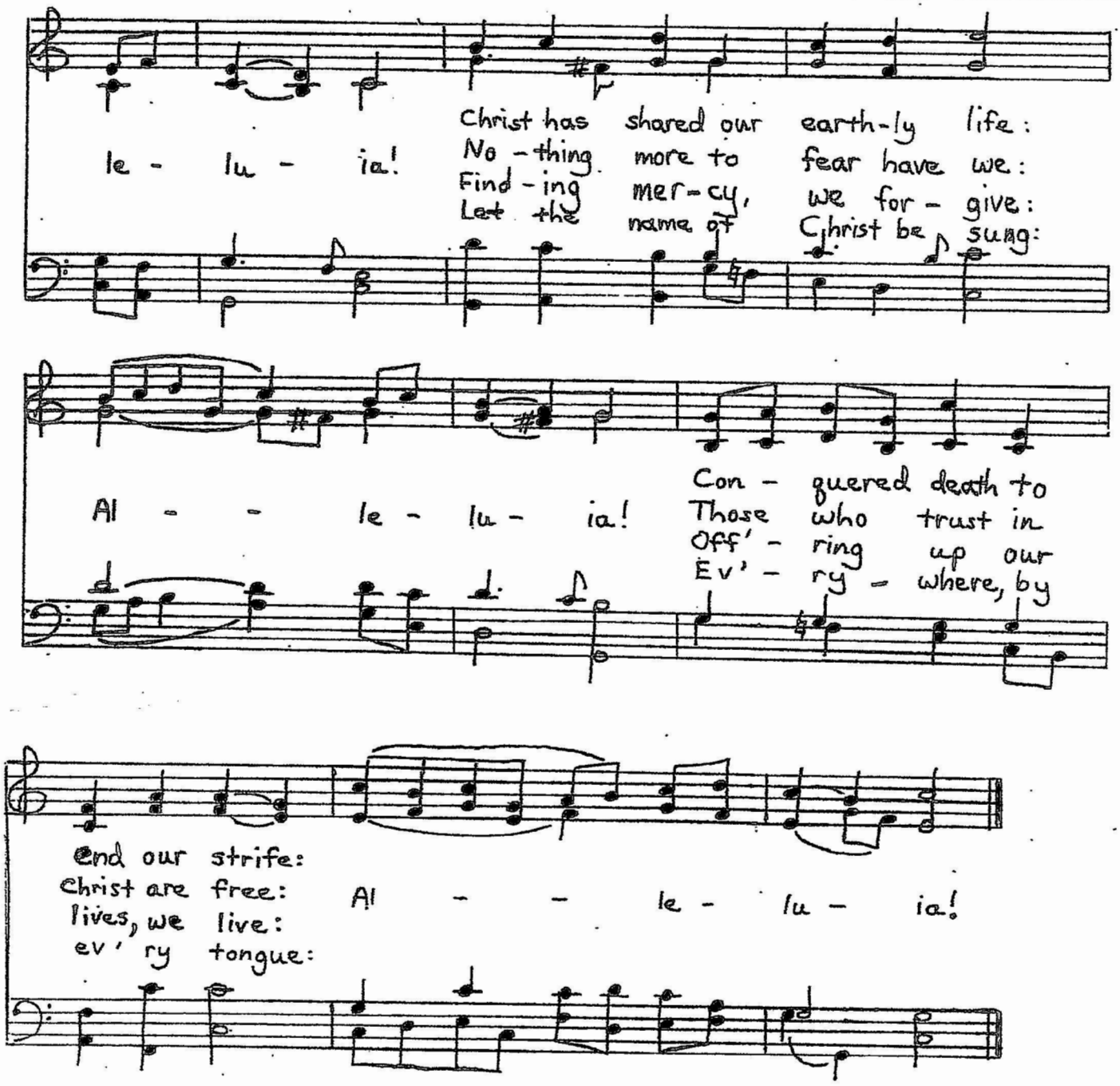
Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain
G. F. Handel, 1751

39 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 1/2

Ruth Duck, ©1981
Inspired by Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, 1708


1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day:
2. Pow'rs of death have had their day: Al - - le - lu-
3. Shar-ing in Christ's death, we rise:
4. Glor - y be to God on high:
Let the joy-ful peo - ple say:
ia! Earth-ly rul-ers have no sway: Al - -
Soar like ea-gles to the skies:
Let the whole cre - a - tion cry:

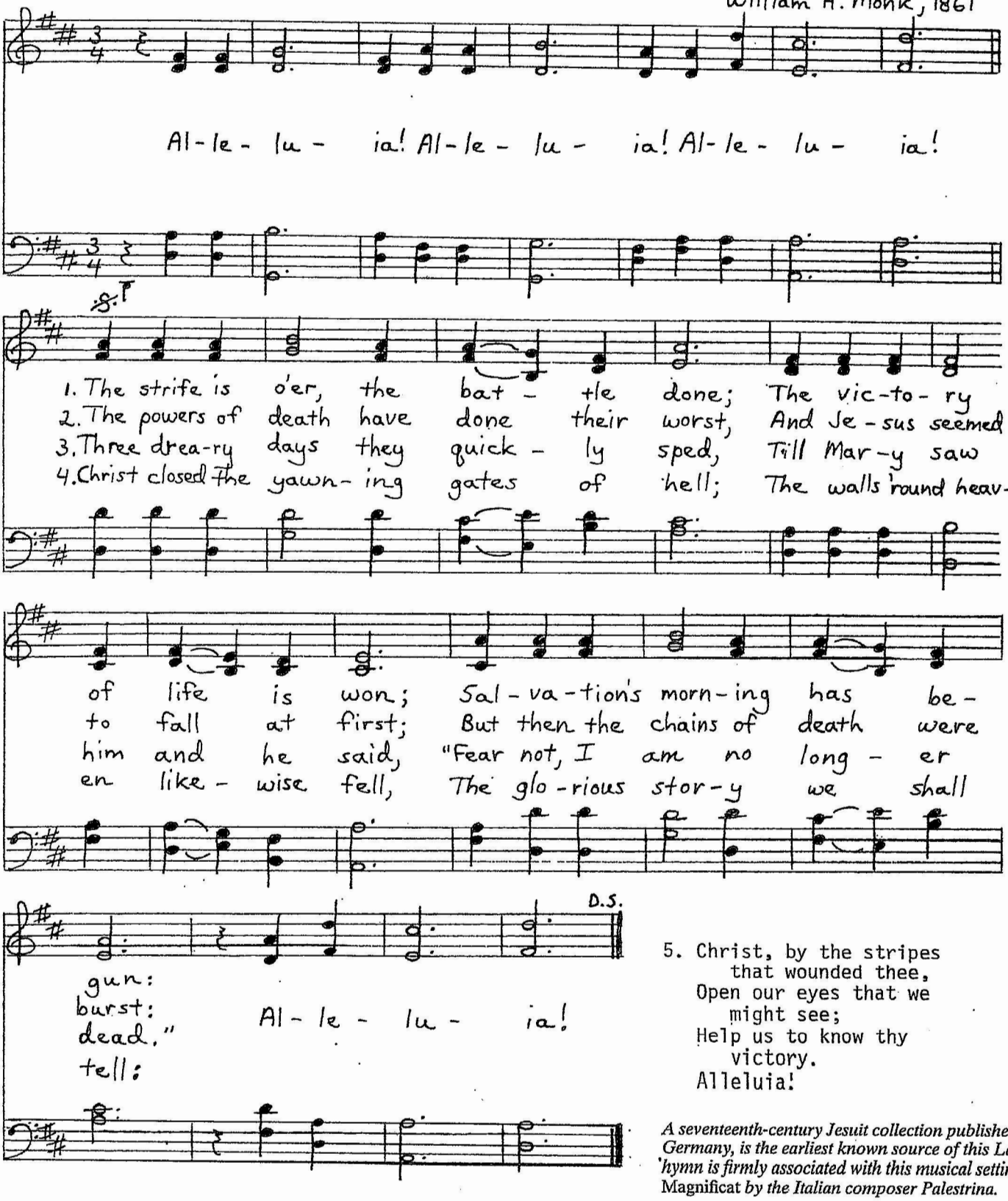
In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most hymnbooks have used that (1749) version. In this new translation the original Latin verses of the medieval text are restored, thus bringing to life the original Easter narrative.


Christ has shared our earth-ly life:
le - lu - ia! No - thing more to fear have we:
Find - ing mer - cy, we for - give:
Let the name of Christ be sung:
Con - quered death to
Al - - le - lu - ia! Those who trust in
Off' - ring up our
Ev' - ry - where, by
end our strife:
Christ are free:
lives, we live:
ev' ry tongue:
Al - - le - lu - ia!

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Latin: 17th century
Tr. Francis Pott, 1859

VICTORY 8.8.8. with Alleluias
Arr. from G.P. Sante da Palestrina, 1591
William H. Monk, 1861


Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
S. T.
1. The strife is o'er, the bat-tle done; The vic-to-ry
2. The powers of death have done their worst, And Je-sus seemed
3. Three drea-ry days they quick-ly sped, Till Mar-y saw
4. Christ closed the yawn-ing gates of hell; The walls 'round heav-
of life is won; Sal-va-tion's morn-ing has be-
to fall at first; But then the chains of death were
him and he said, "Fear not, I am no long-er
en like-wise fell, The glo-rious stor-y we shall
D.S.
gun:
burst:
dead."
tell:
Al-le-lu-ia!

5. Christ, by the stripes
that wounded thee,
Open our eyes that we
might see;
Help us to know thy
victory.
Alleluia!

A seventeenth-century Jesuit collection published in Cologne, Germany, is the earliest known source of this Latin hymn. The hymn is firmly associated with this musical setting from a Magnificat *by the Italian composer Palestrina.*

New words by Stephen C. Rose, copyright 1980, Persephone Music.